

REMARKS

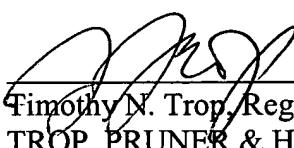
The Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggestion that instead of using "processors," "central processing units" be specified. Therefore, the first grounds of difference originally specified should be accepted by the Examiner.

The second difference pointed out in the previous response was not addressed in the latest response. In the second paragraph of the previous remarks, it was pointed out that the functional units described in the excerpt from the Patterson book are not central processing units. The small portion of the book describes a CDC 6600 computer. Attached to that response as Exhibit B was a printout discussing the CDC 6600 computer. In the first block, under the heading Architecture, were a number of hyperlinks to information including a hyperlink to the 6600 system diagram. The 6600 system diagram was attached as Exhibit C. From Exhibit C to the previous response, it can be seen that the various functional units referred to in the Patterson books are actually functional units of one single central processing unit.

Since the claim calls for providing a register accessible by a plurality of central processing units, it is clear that the cited reference has no bearing on the claimed invention. Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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